# SUPPORT FOR MR. FRANCIS HEMMING'S PROPOSAL FOR THE CORRECTION IN THE "OFFICIAL LIST OF GENERIC NAMES IN ZOOLOGY" OF THE ERRONEOUS ENTRY IN "OPINION" 104 RELATING TO THE NAME " PENAEUS" FABRICIUS, 1798 (CLASS CRUSTACEA, ORDER DECAPODA) 

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It was most unfortunate that in Opinion 104 of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature the invalid generic name Peneus (emended to Penaeus) Weber, 1795, and not the valid name Penaeus Fabricius, 1798, for the same genus, was placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

Until the introduction of Weber's names into carcinology by Miss Rathbun in 1904, the name Penaeus was always attributed to Fabricius. Moreover after 1904, and even after 1928 (the year in which Opinion 104 was published), most authors, including the foremost specialist of Penacidea, Dr. Martin D. Burkenroad, continued to cite Fabricius as the author of the name Penacus.

As the generic name Penacus Fabricius ( $a$ ) is generally accepted as denoting a genus of shrimps which is of great econonic importance all over the world, (b) is the only available name for that genus, and (c) was originally published in the orthography (Penaeus) which has been officially recognised as the correct form, whereas the generic name Peneus Weber (i) has been used by very few authors, (ii) is invalid from a nomenclatorial point of view, and (iii) was originally published in an orthography (Peneus) which differs from that generally used in the name employed to denote this genus and one which moreover has now been ruled (in Opinion 104) to be incorrect, I can only come to the conclusion that Mr. Hemming's proposal that the name Penacus Fabricius, 1798, should be placed on the Officiat List in place of the name l'eneus Weber, 1795, is very commendable. I accordingly desire to give that proposal my full support.


